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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 23 February 1951, eight jet fighters were parked north of the runway, opposite the small woods on the southern edge of the Zerbst (N 52/D 98) airfield. (1) There was no flying because of bad weather. A truck with a number of the [REDACTED] series went to the field. 25X1B
2. The five wooden towers on the northern edge of the field, which were previously reported seemed to be connected with the concrete work. (C-2) A sand or gravel pit and a gray heap, probably of broken stones, were next to the towers. (2) Three of the towers had sand heaps on top of their upper platforms. Gray heaps of broken stones were seen on the remaining two. Excavating was being done north of the oil dump. (3) A woman living near the airfield said that the expansion work on the landing field was to be completed by the fall of 1951. (4)
3. Excavating was under way on the southern edge of the field, along the blocked road leading from Zerbst to Wiesenburg (N 53/Z 20), between the small woods on the southern edge of the field and the junction of the field path leading to Bonitz (N 52/E 08). Two construction sheds were erected there. Work was in an early stage so that its purpose could not be recognized. (3)

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Comments.

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- (1) The exact number of MIG-15s stationed in Zerbst is not known. Since another source has continually reported two fighter regiments in Zerbst it is believed that the field is occupied by approximately 60 MIG-15s. The aircraft are parked in the hangars when there is no flying at the field.
- (2) [REDACTED] It is believed that the towers are used for mixing building materials. The mixed material probably slides down the towers into narrow-gauge field dump cars. It has not been determined what type of construction is being done at the field. Since October 1950, a construction material dump has existed on the northern edge of the landing field. According to a previous and unconfirmed report,

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an underground dump is being built at the field. See [REDACTED]

- (3) For location of construction site, see Annex.
- (4) The information that the runway or taxiway is to be widened has not been confirmed. It is possible that the narrow concrete expansion strip of the runway to the northeast is scheduled to be widened.

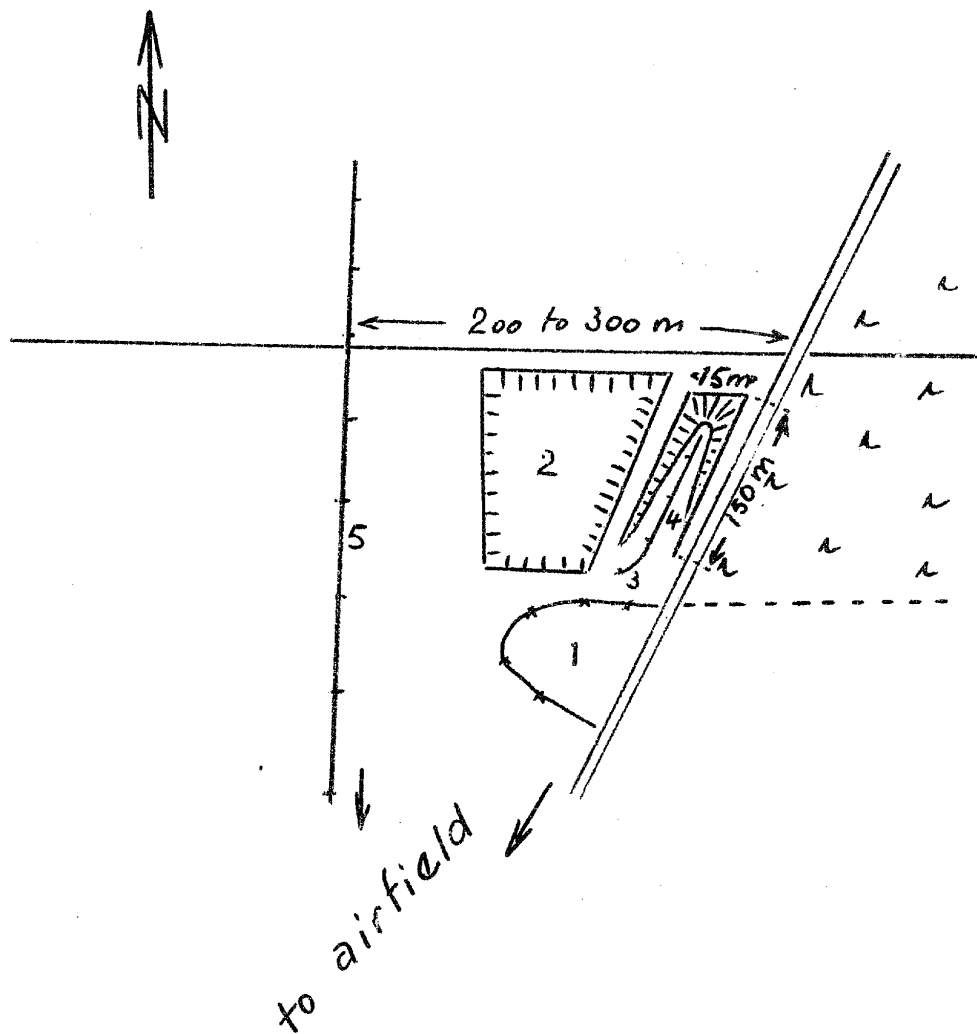
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Legend:

- 1 - Oil dump
- 2 - Area graded recently
- 3 - Narrow-gauge field track
- 4 - Excavated area, gradually sloping from south to north to about 2 meters depth
- 5 - Railroad spur track

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